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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences dated March 15, 2010, and the final rejection of September 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below. This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.